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GIN WITH JESUS

Archie H. Hook

Superintendent

"If you and I are wise, we'll take a little time now to look into the windows of our own hearts and discover the things we've carried along and no longer need." This timely statement, made by a fellow minister, should be an incentive for us to take a spiritual inventory of our lives. Whether we wish to acknowledge it or not, just as certainly as we do concentrate on gratitude at Thanksgiving, just as we do sparkle with generosity at Christmas, just so surely we do rethink our living and lay new plans as the new year approaches, even though we spurn the thought of calling it New Year resolutions.

There is probably not one of us who does not have a petty grudge or prejudice that we should pull out by the roots. Perhaps these very trifles have closed our minds, until our rightful, forward looking ideas and opinions have become warped and stale. We may find ourselves cumbered with certain attitudes which at first were insignificant, but which became significant when we did nothing about them—procrastination, indifference, laziness about our Christian responsibilities. We had good intentions, but they "perished" and reacted against us.

One Sunday morning when the streets were clear of cars except for one old battered jalopy, a passer-by approached a street artist with the remark: "I see that you left the old automobile out of your picture." The artist looked up smiling, and replied, "In that remark you have stumbled onto one of the greatest secrets, not only of art, but of life itself. You have to leave out non-essentials, especially things which make life ugly."

The most important, the most positive fresh start we can make in 1954 is to begin with Jesus, "by a new and living way which he hath consecrated for us." (Hebrews 10:30) It is good to dream dreams of a new world, to envision our lives as more disciplined, more Christlike. But behind the dream and beyond the vision must be a purpose, a WILL, energized with spiritual power.

Begin the year with Jesus, putting aside the mistakes and misunderstandings of the year just past. Keep the good things, carrying them on to give us Christian strength in time of need. Begin with Jesus, looking forward with firm belief in the power of his guidance. May this be our "candle of faith," lighting the way.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

MARLIN . . .

This fifty-two year old congregation observed its annual mission festival the last Sunday in November in a newly remodeled building. Services have always been held in the school building, which was deeded to the church some years ago. The present congregation of seventeen active members decided to remodel it, both inside and out. The work was completed in time for the mission festival. The offering for the day amounted to $903.07, and will all go for the mission work. The cost of the remodeling, $1350, will be met by the congregation. The church has also accepted and paid its full quota on the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. The Rev. Albert Hausauer has served the church since 1939.

WALLACE . . .

Enthusiastic reports have been received from Rev. Elmer Nourse regarding the Every Member Canvass this year. The budget was set up on the basis of $12,495 for current expenses, and $5,000 for a parsonage fund. When the reports were made at the close of the canvass day a total of $12,700 had been pledged for the current expenses, with 55 calls left to be made; a sizeable amount for the parsonage fund and many promises of help when the church is ready to purchase a house.

The laymen of this church meet each Monday for lunch, and through this and other sharing experiences the work goes forward with enthusiasm.

BENGE . . .

Members and friends of the Community Church joined in a consummation day celebration on Nov. 8. Just two years after the dedication of their new sanctuary, this group is now free from all its indebtedness. The morning worship was followed by a fellowship dinner, and in the afternoon the notes were burned and a memorial stone was laid. Rev. R. K. Anderson of Ra is minister, and the members o Ralston church shared in the monies.

ODESSA, United . . .

The Pilgrim Fellowship of church were hosts to an area r ing of the other youth groups i central section on Saturday, 14. The program featured two r table discussions on subjects Picture of Us" and "I Don't Time."

The annual meeting of the ch was held on December 2, and Every Member Canvass was ducted on December 6.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. F. liam Westwood will be interest their 45th wedding anniver which came on November 4.

TACOMA, First . . .

A creative activity program children through the sixth g during the Sunday morning wo began at First Church on Nove 22. This came as a result of p interest in such a program in that they might more conveni attend church. The activities a the fields of story telling; art handwork; rhythmic interpreta junior choir; library reading; music listening.

The library of the church has established in a special room a available for all. Books approp for all age groups, as well as in leadership responsibilities ar cluded.

YAKIMA . . .

A new group has been form First Congregational Church – B-4-40 Club. This group will monthly and is for the young ried couples of the church. Its pose will be that of fellowship.

The church entertained the W shop on Junior Highs, sponsore the conference Christian Educ Committee, on the Friday a Thanksgiving. A good group

esent, and the Junior High Group the church led the opening wor-ip and cared for the registration. The annual Winter Festival was ld on December 4, and features a ristmas theme.

attle, GREEN LAKE . . .

In response to many requests, a ries of six sessions devoted to ble study will be held in January. ne classes will be led by Rev. Stan- Anderson, and they are for all rsons interested in this activity. ans are also underway for the ternational weekend, which is neduled for January 24. Members the church will entertain in their mes students attending the Uni-rsity of Washington from all parts the world. Special services and tivities will be held at the church.

ASHOUGAL . . .

Rev. Vincent Stageberg reports at the extensive building improve-ent program that has been under-ay on both the interior and ex-rior of Bethel Church is nearing mpletion. The entire exterior has en covered with silver-white panel akes, new trim has been put ound all windows and doors, and w concrete steps have been built the front entrance, pipe handrails stalled on the steps, and the ound prepared for new landscap-g of the front of the church. On e interior the program has seen e complete rebuilding of the ained glass windows in the sanc-ary, and the painting of all the oodwork. This work was accom-ished by 100% volunteer labor, and as carried on at the same time at the church was launching a nancial campaign to raise $10,000 r a new parsonage. Lots have been rchased and plans accepted for e new parsonage, which will see nstruction begin in the spring. ne present plan is to use the pres-t parsonage for church school ex-nsion, until a new educational ilding can be constructed.

Governor Arthur B. Langlie was e guest speaker at a special men's dinner sponsored by the deacons on December 17.

Seattle, MAGNOLIA . . .

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Leonard Campbell, the women of the Magnolia Church have this fall collected, cleaned, repaired, and packed 55 boxes of colthing and 4 also in the process of collecting through the church families money for "Meals for Millions."

The bazaar, which featured a book review and tea, netted a total of $860 this fall. This money has been designated for service to others outside the church.

Other fellowship groups have had an enthusiastic response to their programs — the senior high group has had an average attendance of 40 and the junior high group has started with an average of 30 this year. The first meeting of the Men's group brought out some 85 people to share in a program which features prominent Seattle citizens.

The minister, Rev. Kenneth D. Claypool, spent three days in October at Pacific University as a leader of their Christian Interpretation Visitation. This program is sponsored by the Department of Higher Education of our denomination.

PRIEST RIVER . . .

The Rev. Roy Ramquist began his work as pastor of this church the last of November. The Ramquist family comes into our fellowship after having served in the Methodist denomination in the North Dakota conference. Mr. Ramquist is a graduate of Beloit College and the Garrett School of Theology.

The church has accepted its quotas this year for Our Chritsian World Mission and the Church Building Loan Fund.

RICHMOND BEACH . . .

Rev. Franklin Forrester reports that the church voted on November 29 to purchase a Wurlitzer organ, and so eager were the people that two of them were working on the sound chamber the following day.

The organ fund now has in it more than half the cost of the organ.

Members of the junior high fellowship shared in the workshop on junior high work in Yakima at Thanksgiving.

FERNDALE, United . . .

Rev. Hendrick Martynse begins his ministry at the United Church on January 15. Originally from Holland, Mr. Martynse was ordained by the United Church of Canada. He is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and St. Andrews College, as well as Pacific School of Religion. For the past six years, he has been the minister of the First Congregational Church, Loomis, California. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martynse are active in youth work, and have made valuable contributions to the camping program of the Northern California conference.

RALSTON . . .

Legal title to the parsonage it has been using was recently acquired by the Ralston church, and a number of improvements have been made on the property. Improvements include the grading of the yard, gravelling a new driveway, shingling the garage, enclosing a porch, repairing a cement retaining wall, steps and walk.

The chapel choir and the Harmony Hunters, a youth group of the church, presented a Christmas pageant on December 22. The pageant, "The Coming of The Prince of Peace," was written by Rev. and Mrs. R. K. Anderson. The pageant featured special music, beautiful costumes, lighting effects, and a rhythmic choir. Mr. Anderson directed the pageant, and Mrs. Anderson conducted and accompanied the choir.

Seattle, PLYMOUTH . . .

The Colony Plan used by the Plymouth Church has proven to be a most effective way of getting persons in neighborhood groups acquainted with each other and in presenting the concerns of the church in smaller groups. In additio the separate colony meetings fall, a large all-colony dinner, December 16, was enjoyed by F outh families. Each colony ass in the table decorations, and ned a skit for the evening's e tainment.

Other activities this year v have reached the entire membe was the Every Member Visit program and the Every Me Canvass. Dr. Martin Goslin is present minister.

Seattle, COLUMBIA . . .

The purchase of a parsonage voted by the members of Colu this fall. The site will be the dence of Rev. B. C. Herrick, leaves the ministry of this ch on January 15 for Kellogg.

Other activities this year in the work of making new class r for the church school, which inv an expenditure of some $3000. N of the work was accomplishe the men of the church, giving untarily of their time. Mr. Rex dan of the Keystone Church ducted their Every Family Vi tion program, and the various lowship groups continued with tive programs of service and st

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LOAN FUND NEARS GOA

December 1 reports on the p ress of the Church Building L Fund Campaign in our confer shows 89 churches that are par pating, representing a total of $1 542.44. Seven of our coopera churches have made no declara of purpose. It is hoped that t response will be forthcoming, we will then have reached the given us by national.

Dr. Stanley U. North, Pa Coast Director of the Campa will again be in our conference f January 5-10. Requests for his vices may be directed to the ference office.

REV. THERON ZIMMERMAN BECOMES PASTOR-AT-LARGE

The familiar phrase "needs no introduction to you' 'might well be used in presenting Rev. Theron Zimmerman, who was nominated by the Committee of Staff Analysis and Nomination, and elected by the Board of Directors, November 17, to become Pastor - at - Large for the Washington Conference, beginning January 15, 1954.

Mr. Zimmerman has been an active minister in our Conference for the years. His faithful attendance meetings connected with the nference and membership on various committees gives him a wide quaintance within our fellowship. friendly attitude, interest in the al churches, and his concern for total program makes him one to om parishioners and colleagues n with confidence. This, plus his lier experience, his diligence as astor and his missionary zeal fit admirably for his new work as tor-at-large.

When Mr. Zimmerman came to Conference he was a member of Executive Committee of the ard of Home Missions of the Gen- Council. Because of his min- y in rural parishes he had much offer as a member of this Board. first pastorate was with the istian Fellowship parish in thern Ohio, where he served for years. In 1938 he went to the e Cooperative Parish, LeRays- e, Pa., where he ministered to churches for five years, after ch he was pastor at Minersville Fountain Springs, in Pa., until ing to Olivet Congregational rch in 1948, where he has had gnificant ministry.

onsiderable time of the pastor- arge will be spent in the Colum- Basin area where our Confer- has two allocations for new rches. He will also work with ll or pastorless churches wher- needed, giving sufficient time and guidance to prepare them for and assist them in securing continuing ministerial leadership.

Mr. Zimmerman is fortunate in having a wife, Mary, who is also active in the work of our Fellowship and who has always been a real help to him in his local church ministry. They have a daughter, Janet, who is a leader in the senior class in Cleveland High School. Janet was Secretary of the Conference Pilgrim Fellowship group last year and is interested and active in its total program.

The election of Mr. Zimmerman brings the personnel of our Conference back to full strength, and adds encouragement to our program of church extension and Christian service.

FRIENDLY SERVICE

Mrs. Walter Rothe of Yakima, who is secretary of the Friendly Service Program of the Women's Fellowship this year, writes that the quota for our conference is much larger than ever before, but the women of our churches are eager to do their part in this program, which is over and above the usual church benevolences. Because of this work many of our church related colleges, hospitals, schools and community centers at home and abroad are able to carry on.

Much stress is given this year to our foreign work, and our churches are doing things for four of our missionaries. Miss Lora Dyer, who served as a missionary in China for nearly forty years, is now working in the Philippines. To her the women send hospital supplies and Sunday school materials. Dr. and Mrs. James McKinley, also serving in the Philippines, at the School of Theology at Silliman University. The McKinleys ask especially for vitamins and dried milk to combat malnutrition among the college students.

In the Micronesian areas there are two of the most experienced and valuable women in mission work. Rev. Eleanor Wilson and Rev. Anna Deterer. These women are shining examples of the true Christian leader. To them the women send Sunday school materials, sewing and recreational supplies for their girls' school, and the many, many stations visited by them regularly.

At home, the women center their attention on the schools and community centers throughout the south. Supplies of various kinds are sent to the Flint Goodridge, the Plateau Valley, and the Goodnow hospitals; the schools at Dillard, Doane, Schauffler, Southern Union, Tougallo, and the community centers at Dorchester and Delmo. Help is also given to Miss Lois Hartung, who is pastor of three churches near Grants, New Mexico.

It is impossible to overestimate this work.

BOOKS NEEDED

The Rev. Franklin Forreste cently wrote to Paul Pruitt, v ing in the Philippines, and aske question, "What books could find best use for in your tra school for ministers?" The fo ing reply will be of interest:

"Books that we would like t ceive are: 1) any types of Bib King James, New Revised, New taments, Goodspeed, Weymouth I know sometimes in the sta thought this distribution of B in the mission fields was a bit emotional, or something. I stil lieve there are good and bad of doing it. But there is no d about the hunger of people havent' been encouraged by Roman Catholic background to the Bible for this Word of God. are delighted and often conv through the reading of the B You would be interested to mee many people we do who say: came a Christian in prison, o home, when someone handed New Testament. After readin and considering it, I wanted t baptized.'

2) Books on Roman Catholi especially Blanchards. They w really use such a book for Catholocism is so strong.

3) Books on the growth of groups in the states. These groups are all coming to the Pi pines, so our people here would to know more about them.

4) Good novels and histo books, biographies and autobio phies, such as "The Life of Sch zer,' 'Booker T. Washington,' 'Ge Washington Carver,' 'Martin ther,' 'John Hus'."

If any one has any of thes similar books which is not u now, here is a grand opportu to put them to use where they be appreciated and also give mission work a much needed b They can be mailed to Rev. Pruitt, Magugpo, Davao, Philip Islands. They will go book which is not too high.

KIRKLAND FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Families enjoy the Thanksgiving Fellowship experience.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

The Kirkland church held a hanksgiving family fellowship ght on November 22 with 206 in tendance. Each organization in e church and each department in e church school were asked to rnish a number or a stunt for the ening's program. Immediately fol-wing the supper a Family Devo-onal was held and the two youth oirs sang.

The central feature of the thanks-ving spirit centered around a Meals for Millions" offering of $116. ev. Ivan Smith is minister.

Beth Taylor and Tommy Hadfield prepare to receive the "Meals for Millions" offering.

THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fred Hockert

Most of you read with interest, I am sure, the report of the Campsite Committee last month. One paragraph in particular was of interest to the laymen of the conference. I quote: "It should be remembered that there is no financial reserve available for the purchase of such property." The words "and development" should have been added after the word purchase.

The project for the laymen for 1954 is to see that funds will be available when a suitable camp site can be found. So, I would like to suggest that all the groups of the conference take it upon themselves to raise such founds as they can towards this project in 1954. This should be over and above any local project and should not in any way supersede any local f u n d raising campaign. There are innumerable ways in which this can be done—dinners, socials, special drives, auctions, etc.

I am sure that if the Laymen of the Conference will inquire into the need for a camp site of our own on the west side and for the further development of Camp N-Sid-Sen on the east side they will get behind this project one hundred per cent. Ask some of the Pilgrim Fellowship groups to make a report of their experiences at our summer camps, and ask what they would like to see developed as our own camp. Ask some of the families who have attended the family camp at N-Sid-Sen. Ask some of the laymen who have attended Retreats at North Bend and N-Sid-Sen. Ask the women who have attended the womens' retreats at Rimrock and N-Sid-Sen. I am sure they will all say that we do really need a modern camp of our very own, so that many of our people, both young and old, can have that thrilling Christian experience of real fellowship that can be found only while spending a week or a weekend in Gods' solitude with fellow Christians.

PULLMAN ENTERTAINS

Pilgrim Club of the Commu Congregational Church, Pullm entertained 50 WSC students, resenting four continents and different countries, at its fifth nual Thanksgiving banquet. Bes enjoying the complete, traditio American turkey dinner, the gu sensed much of the Thanksgiv spirit, as they were led in a sc fest, and watched a sound film typical American family life: "T of Thanksgiving." The narration "The First Thanksgiving Fea and "The First Thanksgiving Pr lamation—1789" were given.

Wearing his national turban, P. Kirthisinghe, Colombo, Cey who is vice-president of the WS Cosmopolitan Club, spoke on beh of his club and all the guests. said, "We greatly appreciate welcome gesture of friendship good will expressed by Pilgrim C through this annual banquet. M I voice the hope that such inst ments as this gathering, the stud exchange program, United Nati and other international moveme of high aspiration may help br peace to our troubled world."

Ron Baker, president of Pilg Club, acted as master of ceremo and introduced the special gue including Dr. Milton Maxwell, as ciate professor of sociology, Mrs. Maxwell; Mr. Frank Nof activities director and director the Comption Union, with Mrs. N ke; and Dr. Charles Wright, as ciate professor of plant patholo

Mr. and Mrs. John Rumely, visors of the group, directed the active members in the planning the event. Members of the Pilg Fellowship group waited on tables, and women of the chu gave assistance in preparing meal.

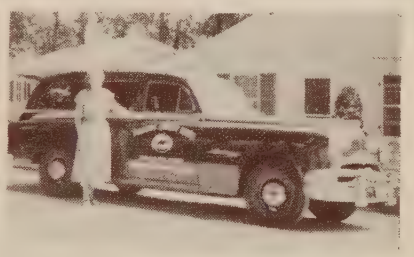
CIRCUIT RIDING TODAY

"Presenting the Great Cause in new way" could well be the motto the Pilgrim Circuit Rider as it urs the country visiting local urches, for this is what happens. et the idea of circuit riding is a miliar one in the Washington Conrence, for it brings to mind the roic days of Cushing Eells and her pioneers who established any of our churches. The need of creasing the fellowship among the urches is also familiar, for many the laymen and ministers have ared in the last few years in vaous endeavors designed to meet is need. We can, therefore, wholeartedly endorse the work of the oard of Home Missions in providg a station wagon, christened "The lgrim Circuit Rider," especially uipped with resources for local roups, to visit the churches. A team leadership representing the naonal, conference, and local levels companies the station wagon, and esents our Christian concerns.

So great are the requests for vis that three years time will be reired to fulfill the present comitments. We of the Washington nference were privileged to have is service for two weeks this fall. ev. Leila Anderson of the National aff and Miss Skelton visited, early the fall, the churches at Mullan, allace, Kellogg, Worley, Elk, Chelah, Tonasket and Dryden, with ighboring churches sharing in the eetings. The last of November and rly December a third member was ded to the team—Mr. Clifford ch of the Fauntleroy Church, Setle, and the churches at Cathlaet, Naselle, Kelso, Vancouver, ckinson, White Salmon, and ashougal were visited. This is a renuous, but rewarding experience.

The layman's reaction to this exrience will be of interest to many. . Rich writes, "The life of a cirit rider is a busy one. Besides conting the Sunday service at Cathnet a total of eleven meetings were held, as well as many personal conferences. I found the Spirit of God moving in a very real way through the people of these congregations. Every one of them is going forward, venturing new ventures, strengthening the old.

"Churches that are organizing new church schools where none have existed, daring to build new churches to meet the challenge of the communities, giving up cherished foreign language services that



Miss Anderson and The Pilgrim Circuit Rider

the church may serve the younger generations, or facing the financial requirements of inaugurating a full-time ministry — these are vital, growing churches.

"To a layman, bringing the greetings of the total fellowship of our conference and denomination, visiting with such people is a mountain top experience. It is at once sobering and exhilarating to share the hopes and plans of these earnest Christians. And it is with deep humility and with a sense of personal inadequacy that one tries to help them find answers to their questions. Perhaps I should not have been so eager, and maybe a bit brash, in accepting the invitation to accompany the Circuit Rider, had I realized fully the responsibility one assumes when he ventures forth on such a mission. However that may be, it is an experience that I would not have missed."

YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY

A library in your church can be a positive help to the many leaders of the church who serve its various organizations—church school teachers, departmental leaders; program chairmen in men's and women's groups; leaders of youth, and parent groups. There is also the ministry to the sick and shut-ins, and the need for providing materials to stimulate the religious thinking of youth and adults.

The church library must serve and receive the support of every person and organization if it is to realize its fullest values. It must also have more than approval. A committee responsible for its organization and operation is essential. This committee will determine the policies of responsibility, select a librarian, find a place in the church for the library, decide how much money can be secured for buying books, how much money is needed, help in preparing the books for circulation, and act as publicity agents to the church. It is wise to secure the help of someone with experience of a public or school library in the procedures of setting up and operation.

Money is necessary to the successful operation of a library, but large operating funds are not essential. A dozen well-circulated books are far better than a hundred that remain on the shelves most of the time. Growth is more important than size .

Just as the library should serve all groups in the church, so should they support it. Individuals may also want to contribute to the library. It is not wise to ask members to donate books indiscriminately from their homes. Some churches have tried this and then found that their library was a dumping ground of books nobody wanted, either at home or church. It is better not to have a library at all than to have it filled with worn out and useless books. If a list of books is posted or published in the church bulle individuals can donate the cost books—some are ideal memorial

It is also possible to borrow fr the conference library a kit books which can be used for a sh time. Also special kits can be cured, on the loan basis, from National Family Life Commissio Chicago.

Location Important

The test of the library is whet or not it is used, and this is of determined by the placing of sa in the church. The ideal locatio in a prominent and easily access place. It must also be inviting, to used. Proper ventilation and g light will help make the room c fortable, and soft colors will m it attractive. Bulletin boards good display areas also add inter

A library is not a collection, rather a selection of materials. Th are a few books that almost ev church library will want, but needs of each church differ, books should be selected in acc ance with those needs. Select bo and periodicals that the people your church want and will r Select a variety of books — h books for persons of different a and interests. Purchases should made in view of the activities the church; such as that of pro ing supplementary reading various groups.

The library should contain m than books. It should contain tures that may be used for tea ing and for worship in different groups. Also current informa about films, filmstrips and sli If the church purchases some these visual aids they should be h in the library.

The first principle of a g library program is worthwhile vice. The best publicity is a sa fied user, so plan the material meet the needs of your church; them to know about the books how to use them.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

The big event this month is Youth eek from January 31 to February The theme, "So Send I You," car- es with it all kinds of implications r the world outreach of our Chris- an Churches and especially our uth movement. It is also a per- nal challenge to respond actively the call of Jesus Christ.

Youth Week is an interdenomina- nal observance of the United ristian Youth Movement, and has en observed for more than a dec- le. It provides both young people d adults who are interested in uth with unique opportunities to amatically re-emphasize the im- rtance of young people in the ogram of the church and the mmunity.

Traditionally, the first Sunday, nuary 31, is Pilgrim Fellowship nday. On this date hundreds of urches will have their morning rvices of worship conducted by ung people. It is our hope that is will happen throughout our con- rence. Special events, such as ral- s, parent meetings, radio produc- ns, and other service projects may cur during the week. The second nday is Interdenominational Sun- y.

Special materials are available r guidance, including a poster, a anual of activities, prepared wor- ip services for both denomination- and interdenominational Sundays, radio play, promotional fliers. The mplete packet costs 50c and may secured from offices of the Coun- of Churches, state or national.

New Materials

The new program booklet, "Cross- ad Decisions" is now available, d includes material on steward- ip, personal outreach, and special ister plans. The book which sells r $1.00 from The Pilgrim Press as written by the National Youth cretary, Rev. Henry Rust.

The current theme for junior high oups is world outreach, and lead- s will find materials such as "Our Church Around the World," by Nichols, and "The Church We Cannot See," by Morton, most helpful. Special attention should be given to the service project for this group—"Be Their Milkman!" Additional information on these and other materials may be secured from the conference office.

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST REPORTS

Reports received on the Pilgrim Fellowship Work Day for Christ since the last issue include:

Ritzville, Zion, $107.50
Tacoma ,Pilgrim, $40.75
Seattle, University, $84.62
Kellogg, Federated, $83.60
Anacortes, $27.57
Seattle, Japanese, $8.00
Ralston, $20.00
Tacoma, First, $37.96
Spokane, Westminster, $51.69

Reports received as of December 10 show 25 groups participating and a total of $1,263.34 raised.

TOURS IN 1954

Tours and traveling seminars for men, women and young people who want to gain first-hand information about religious, economic, social and political conditions at home and abroad, are available during 1954. Dates and areas include:

Jan. 4-14—Puerto Rico
March 1-April 29—Around the World
April 19-May 5—Eastern and Southern U. S. A.
April 19-May 3—Midwest and Southern U. S. A.
April 21-May 21—Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines
June 30-August 10—India and Pakistan
May 15-June 20—Europe and the Near East
July and August—Africa

Additional information as to cost and arrangements may be secured through the conference office.

MERGER DECISION

The New York State Court of Appeals on December 3 cleared the way for the proposed merger of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The state's highest tribunal upheld a decision by the State Appellate Division that civil courts were without jurisdiction in a controversy between factions for and against the merger.

Some Congregational churches, including the Cadman Memorial Society of Brooklyn and the Cadman Memorial Church, opposed the plan. Justice Meier Steinbrink of the State Supreme Court ruled in 1950 that the General Council of the Congregational Churches had no powers or authority to merge or unite itself with any other body.

But the Appellate Division on April 15, 1952, reversed Steinbrink, saying that the Cadman Society and the Cadman Church had failed to establish "any right or interest in, or to, the funds and other assets" of the General Council or Boards or to show that funds were being used for unchartered purposes.

CLUB CHURCHES

Churches securing Clubs for subscriptions to The Congregational Way as of December 7 include:

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A REMINDER

Please elect at your Annual Meeting, delegates to the Annual Conference meeting at Spokane, May 4, 5, and 6; also the Association Meeting next October; a correspondent for The Congregational Way. Churches which have not already done so have the privilege of nominating one delegate to the General Council Meeting next June. The meeting will be held in New Haven, Connecticut.

SUMMER CONFERENCES FOR 1954

mp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho:

July 10-17: Senior Highs with Rev. David Julius as dean.
July 17-24: Junior Highs with Rev. Paul Sutley as dean.
July 24-31: Junior Highs with Rev. George Snyder as dean.
July 31-August 7: Women's Fellowship.
August 7-14: Family Camp with Mr. and Mrs. James Farnsworth as deans.

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inwood on Hick's Lake near Olympia, Washington:

August 8-14: Junior Highs with Rev. Paul Donavan as dean.
Gwinwood is the camp site of the Disciples of Christ fellowship in western Washington. Located 5 miles from Olympia on the west side of Hick's Lake. This will replace the Deception Pass period.

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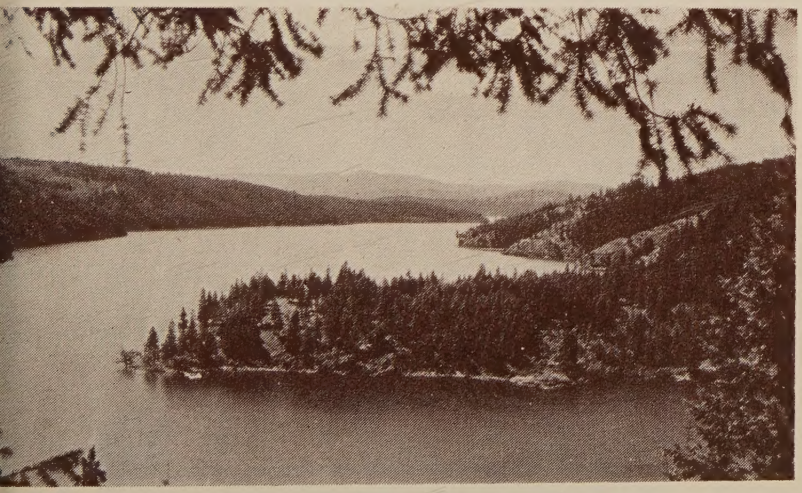

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